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House Agriculture Finance and Policy  
Chair Samantha Vang  
545 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Vang and members of the Committee,

I write on behalf of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, representing nearly 30,000 farm family members across the state of Minnesota, to share support for HF1302 and HF1303.

Our members understand how important it is to have adequate livestock processing facilities throughout Minnesota, along with programs that assist existing facilities in improving their operations while also helping new processors receive the necessary support they need to succeed.

Creating a position within the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to assist prospective operators in navigating the plethora of requirements and regulations will help lessen the barrier of entry for those seeking to participate in the meat processing industry.

Moreover, providing financial assistance to help processors engage in training and educational opportunities will allow them to expand their businesses, build vital industry contracts, and elevate their day to day functions. Often these opportunities can be missed due to the monetary burden that comes with them, and we are grateful for legislation that aids with these costs and helps processors learn new skills and techniques allowing them to stay strong well into the future.

We thank Representative Nelson for leading on these two pieces of legislation, and the co-authors for supporting these bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Glessing'.

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